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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Unmetered Service
Rider US
Docket No. 2018-198-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed, and does not oppose, the request submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket. The Company seeks approval from the Commission of Unmetered Service Rider ("Rider US"), a new tariff to provide unmetered service to customers with electrical requirements of 100 watts or less, where metered service is deemed to be either impractical or uneconomical. The Company also requests waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-339 (2012) regarding bill forms, as meter readings will not be provided for unmetered service.

According to the Company, Rider US would only apply to equipment located on Company-owned lighting poles that can accommodate this type of service. The monthly bill for service under the tariff is linked to the rates in Small General Service Schedule SGS ("SGS"). Customers receiving service under Rider US will be offered the same pricing as other similarly situated small-use customers with metered service. Under Rider US the customer would pay the SGS Basic Facilities Charge, plus an energy charge based on estimated monthly usage within three distinct

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ranges. The wattage ranges shall be designated by DEC and the customer at the time of installation and include a discounted estimated monthly usage to account for the Company's reduction of costs by avoiding meter-related costs to provide service.

ORS reserves its right to address the reasonableness of resulting costs in a subsequent proceeding.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. M. Bateman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Samuel J. Wellborn, Esquire (via E-Mail)
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